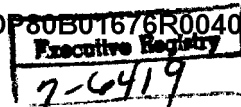


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



November 21, 1955

Mr. Dulles:

Please do anything you want with this
to make it more effective or appropriate.

The Crusade people's principal idea
was that it should recite the thought
presently contained in the second sentence.


JAMES LAMBIE

Delighted to hear you comment on how well
the Boss looks. I gather he's pretty happy
to be getting his teeth into things.

DRAFT of proposed telegram from the President to the
Vice President to be read at the CRUSADE dinner November 29

Dear Dick: I want to tell you again how much I appreciate your
acting in my behalf this evening in receiving the distinguished group
of men you have with you. As you know, the Crusade for Freedom is
fund raising *which*
the only cause ~~on whose behalf~~ I have felt it appropriate and desirable
to support personally through an occasion such as this,
~~to use the prestige of the White House in what is, after all, a fund-~~
~~raising effort.~~ I hope it is obvious to everyone that I would not have
done this if I did not feel keenly the government's interest in seeing
the vital work of the Free Europe Committee -- notably, Radio Free
Europe -- continue unabated. I know that you and Herbert and Allen
and Beedle and the others will make clear once again why this work
is necessary and why it is essential to its effectiveness that it have
as much *as possible.*
private support ~~[and private direction]~~ *private direction +* I am equally confident that
our guests will respond as they and their business colleagues have
before. I wish I could be with you all, but since I cannot be, I ask
that you convey my respects and my greetings to each of our guests
tonight.

Dwight D. Eisenhower